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GREETINGS DULUTH SECTION!

Greetings,

First of all, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the Duluth Section ASCE Board as President for the 2024-2025 year. I have been attending monthly meetings and events for the Duluth Section ASCE group for about 25 years now and have learned a lot over the years and networked with many of you and look forward to meeting more of you at future monthly luncheons. Please try to join us if you can at all of our monthly luncheons. They are listed in the newsletter so get the dates in your calendar.

A quick bio about myself. I was born and raised in Carlton, MN. I did my pre-engineering studies at UMD and then got my bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the U of M - Twin Cities in 1996. I was hired by Ulland Brothers in June of 1996 as an entry level field superintendent building roads. I work in that position about 5 years and then took a job in the office as an estimator/project manager. I am still in that same position today and have been there 28 years now. I have a wife and 2 boys and live in Carlton. I enjoy boating, four-wheeling, hunting, mountain biking, and snowmobiling. I look forward to leading this section this coming year.

We are still looking to fill our secretary position for this year. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested. There are also a few board chairs that are vacant that we need people to fill that don't require as much time if you would be interested in any of them. Those positions are Government Relations chair, Membership chair and Website chair. Without volunteers like you, our section will not have a full leadership team. If you or anyone you know would be interested in any of these positions, please contact me or anyone on the board as soon as possible.

Please join us on October 15 at noon at the Pier B resort where Pete Marthaler with MNDOT will be giving us an update on the Twin Ports Interchange project and also an update on the future Blatnik Bridge project. We also need future speakers and hosts, so if any of your firms would be interested in doing either, please let me or any of the board members know. We have been doing most of the presentations at Barr's office in Duluth but would love to have some other options.

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Interested in submitting an article for the ASCE newsletter or becoming a Board Member?

Contact Pete Demshar(newsletter editor) for information at 952.913.6392 or pdemshar@barr.com



You should have received your membership renewal letters from the ASCE national office and so please try to renew them as soon as possible. We get some of the funding to help with our different events and help fund the scholarships that we give out in the spring to college students.

Finally, it is time to renew your yearly company sponsorship for the Duluth ASCE section. With a sponsorship your logo gets recognized in all newsletters for the upcoming year and really helps us to mainly fund the scholarship program. We very much appreciate you helping out, so please ask your firm if they could do a sponsorship this year. The sponsorship letter is in the newsletter for your use.

In closing, please let me or any of the board members know if you have any ideas for future luncheons or events. We appreciate input from our members. Thanks!

Ryan Swanson, PE
Duluth Section President



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UPCOMING MEETING

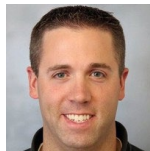
Date: October 15, 2024

Speaker: Pete Marthaler

Topic: Twin Ports Interchange and future Blatnik Bridge projects

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Pier B Resort Duluth, MN



Bio: Construction Manager-Major Projects at Minnesota Department of Transportation

Almost 18 years of prior work experience at Krech Ojard, & Associates, Engineers and Architects working on Civil and Rail Design as both a project and group manager.

Attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior to obtain a Bachelors in Mathematics then furthered his education at Michigan Technological University to earn his Bachelors in Civil Engineering. Pete was a member of the Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honor Society) and ASCE Student Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2024-2025

Membership Meetings

- October 15, 2024
- November 19, 2024
- December 17, 2024
- January 21, 2025
- February 18, 2025
- March 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025

Board Meetings

- October 22, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 18, 2024
- January 28, 2025
- February 25, 2025
- March 25, 2025
- April 22, 2025
- May 21, 2025



Come enjoy some free food and networking opportunities with young civil engineering professionals! **NO RSVP** required, just show up!

Who:

Working professionals of all ages as well as civil engineering students.

What:

Happy Hour sponsored by ASCE Younger Member Group.

Where and When:

Happy hours will run from 5:00-6:30 pm on the following dates:

September 26 - Earth Rider

October 24 - Bent Paddle

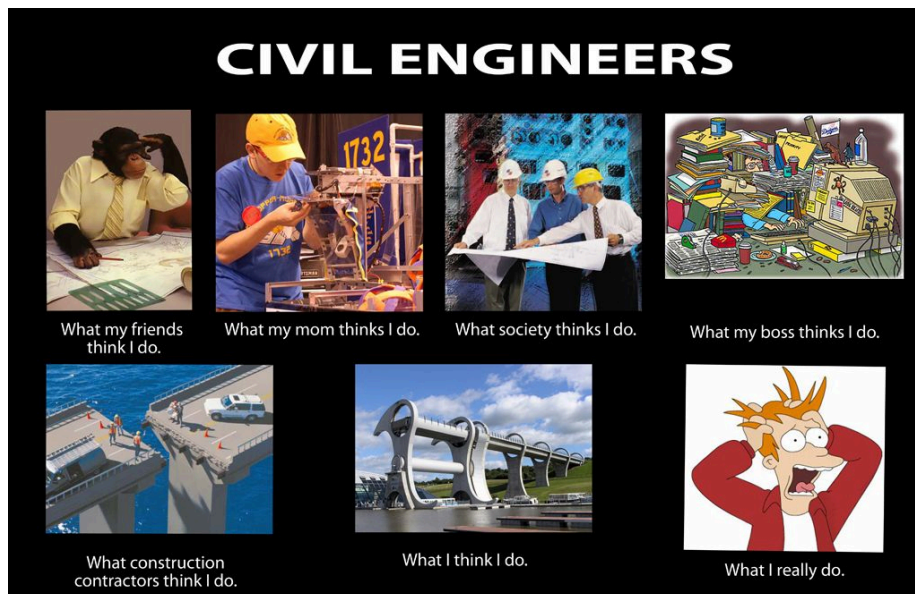
November 21 - Hoops Brewing

December 12 - Hoops Brewing

Happy hour dates for January-April to be communicated via ASCE collaborate email

Questions:

Contact Dalton Scharmer (dalton.scharmer@tkda.com) or Josh Tomczak (josh@nce-duluth.com)





ASCE DULUTH SECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Aug 20, 2024, 5:00 PM
Blackwoods, Proctor

Call Meeting to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.
- Attendance:
 - Andrew Lund – President
 - Ryan Swanson – Vice President
 - Peter Demshar – Treasurer
 - Tyler Yngsdal – Secretary
 - Rose Kopecky – Outreach Chair
 - Matt Hendersen – YMG representative

Approval of Agenda

- A motion was made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Ryan Swanson, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Approval of Minutes (Tyler)

- A motion was made by Ryan Swanson, seconded by Pete Demshar, to approve the May meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

Government Relations (Vacant)

- Ryan was going to contact Chris Rousseau. Ryan will confirm with Chris that he is still interested.

Student section update (Josh E/ Paul B/Zach H)

- Not present

Younger Member Discussion (Dalton)

- Dalton has recently brought on additional YMG representatives. Matt Hendersen was present for the meeting in Dalton’s place.
- Matt will discuss formally appointing the new representatives with Dalton.
- YMG is currently working on putting together a calendar of events for the year along with a budget.

Treasurer’s Report (Ryan/Pete)

- Pete is going to send update financials to the Board.
- Pete and Ryan currently have account debit cards.
- A motion was made by Pete Demshar, seconded by Ryan Swanson to approve Tyler Yngsdal being added to the Section bank account pending Section voting approval. The motion carried by the following vote: All in favor.

2024-2025 Speakers (Ryan/Pete)

- Sept 17th- UMD Professor
- October 15th – Possibly Hanco Utilities
- Future – Possibly West Superior Street Reconstruction (Tyler will reach out to Matt Bolf)
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2024-2025 BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON SCHEDULE (ALL MEETING SCHEDULED AT 12:00 PM EACH DAY)

LUNCHEONS

September 17th (@ Barr office)
 October 15th (TBD)
 November 19th (TBD)
 December 17th (TBD)
 January 21st (TBD)
 February 18th (@ UMD)
 March 18th (TBD)
 April 15th (TBD)
 May 13th (TBD)
 May 20th – Year End Dinner

BOARD MEETINGS

September 24th
 October 22nd
 November 20th
 December 18th
 January 28th
 February 25th
 March 25th
 April 22nd
 May 21st



Newsletter Update (Ryan)

May Newsletter

- President's message (Andrew), meeting minutes (Tyler), YMG (Dalton – Include bio's for new board seats), Introduce Board, Update, sponsorship letter (Pete)
- **Submissions Due: Send to Ryan by 8/29, Send Newsletter Sept 3rd**

Membership (Vacant)

- Contact list update – Rose will reach out to Andrea to get access to the contact list.

Outreach Chair (Vacant)

- Update

Ongoing Business:

- ASCE Archival documents
 - With Rose K. (SEH)
- Board Seat Email platform – New email ASCEDuluthMN@outlook.com
 - YMG has their own email setup
- Board seat Cut sheet for positions.
- Andrew provided update comments for President, Vice President, and past President
 - Board will review the updates for next meeting
 - Tyler will review the Secretary cut sheet for updates for next meeting
 - Pete will review the Treasurer cut sheet for updates for next meeting
- Website updates – Rose is the new Website Chair
- Tyler & Pete will set up a meeting to review the Section Bylaws in comparison with the National Template for updates. Tabled.
- ASCE/ACEC joint Career Fair Fall 2024 UMD – Andrew and Pete are coordinating a joint event with Emily and Eddy with ACEC. It was suggested to hold the event a week before E-fest. Pete will check in with Emily and Eddy.
- Scholarships – Pete mailed the scholarship awards and checks to the recipients.
- Increase Luncheon Cost – The Board discussed increasing the Luncheon cost to \$30 per attendee to cover increased food prices. The Board will bring this recommendation to the Section for a vote.
 - Virtual option with cost. The board will ask for input from the Section to see if including a virtual option is warranted.
- Dalton is interested in attending either the next Multi region event or the next Region 3 event. Waiting on dates to be posted. Tabled.
- Pete will reach out to Ryan for guidance with final budgeting.
- Dave Prusak, PE Alaska Engineer of the Year in 2023. Ryan is still trying to get in touch with Dave to interview him to provide content for the newsletter.
- Pay LHB for hosting luncheon – Complete.

Matrix and Bylaw Review

- Reviewed

New Business

- Ryan informed the group that Jim Prusak recently passed away. Jim was the Cloquet City Engineer for 40 years. Ryan will add information about Jim's passing to the Newsletter.

Next Board Meeting: Sept 24th, 2024 @ Ursa Minor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



2024-2025 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

We want to thank you for supporting The Duluth Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the past. Your sponsorship helps fund several programs that are specific to the Duluth Section. The first being our toothpick bridge competition. This program helps promote civil engineering at a young age, which is vital to the future of our profession. The second program is our annual scholarships to civil engineering and civil engineering technology students. Your sponsorship helps our local ASCE section to promote these valuable activities. That is why it is time again for us to ask you to renew your sponsorship, or consider a new sponsorship for 2024-2025. Our membership is comprised of engineers from a diverse range of companies (engineering, construction and geotechnical, etc.). We are very proud to showcase your company logo on our sponsor page.

With a contribution of \$ 250, your company's logo will be displayed in each section newsletter from September 2024 through August 2025. Our newsletter is produced 9 months of the year and reaches all of our 250+ members. Your support also aids the Duluth ASCE Section's efforts to keep the civil engineering community actively involved through technical presentations and networking luncheons, social activities, and student outreach activities.

If you would like to renew your sponsorship or become a sponsor, please send a check payable to **ASCE - Duluth Section** to the section treasurer:

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New sponsors, or to update logos, email your company logo to Tyler Yngsdal at:
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Sincerely,
The Duluth Section Board of Directors

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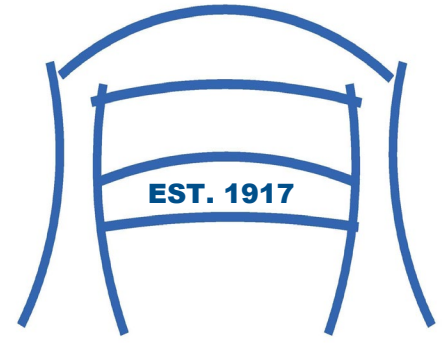
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National Bank of Commerce

Main Checking	\$ 2058.3
Younger Member Checking	\$ 4,819.08
Savings	\$ 7,152.32

Other Assets

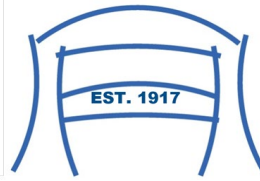
PayPal	\$ -
Other cash/checks	\$ 0.00
Petty Cash	\$ 300.00

September 2024' Total Assets: \$14,029.70

August 2024' Total Assets: \$13,838.15

Increase/ (Decrease) in Assets: \$191.55

*Increase is from ASCE National deposit.



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